

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 225, 2/13/2017; SJ 8, 2/22/2017; SB 314, 2/22/2017

Executive Action:

SB 314: Do Pass
SJ 8: Do Pass
SB 225: Be Tabled
SB 173: Motion Withdrawn

HEARING ON SB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 225, Allow lighted nocks on arrows for big game hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:03 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:05:55 Kreh Germaine, citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:54 Joelle Selk, Montana Bow Hunters Association (MBHA)
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[EXHIBIT\(fis40a02\)](#)

00:14:28 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:15:43 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

Informational Testimony:

00:17:00 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:19 Sen. Cohenour
00:17:49 Ms. Selk, MBHA
00:18:57 Sen. Hinkle
00:19:26 Mr. McDonald, FWP
00:20:00 Sen. Hinkle
00:20:19 Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:41 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:39 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 8, Joint Resolution urging Wyoming to discontinue artificial feeding of elk.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:41 Ben Lamb, representing the Montana and the National Wildlife Federation
00:25:17 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

00:26:28 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:28 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:43 Sen. Smith
00:27:59 Sen. Phillips
00:28:05 Sen. Smith
00:28:14 Sen. Phillips
00:28:31 Sen. Smith
00:28:54 Sen. Phillips
00:29:34 Sen. Smith
00:29:43 Sen. Phillips
00:30:03 Sen. Vincent
00:30:42 Sen. Phillips
00:31:22 Chair Fielder
00:31:37 Sen. Phillips
00:32:34 Chair Fielder
00:32:54 Mr. McDonald, FWP
00:34:07 Chair Fielder
00:34:16 Mr. McDonald
00:34:43 Sen. Cohenour
00:34:58 Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:09 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SB 314

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:01 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 314, Revise off-highway vehicle/recreational vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:05 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
00:41:57 Sen. Gordon Vance, SD 34
00:43:38 Kreh Germaine, citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:01 Sen. Phillips
 00:45:27 Sen. Vincent
 00:45:46 Sen. Phillips
 00:46:12 Sen. Vincent
 00:46:27 Sen. Phillips
 00:46:35 Chair Fielder
 00:46:40 Sen. Facey
 00:46:51 Sen. Vincent
 00:47:41 Sen. Facey
 00:47:54 Sen. Hinkle
 00:48:09 Sen. Vincent
 00:49:46 Sen. Hinkle
 00:50:38 Sen. Vincent
 00:51:10 Sen. McClafferty
 00:51:41 Sen. Vincent
 00:51:57 Sen. McClafferty
 00:52:03 Sen. Vincent
 00:52:34 Chair Fielder
 00:52:40 Sen. McClafferty
 00:53:03 Sen. Vance
 00:53:56 Sen. McClafferty
 00:54:10 Sen. Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:39 Sen. Vincent

Sen. Facey left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 314

00:56:22 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 314 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:56:30 Sen. Phillips
 00:57:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:57:16 Sen. Phillips
 00:57:37 Mr. Kolman, LSD
 00:58:10 Sen. Vincent

00:58:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Cohenour voting no. Sen. Facey was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 8

00:59:13 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SJ 8 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:19 Sen Smith
 01:00:15 Sen. Phillips
 01:00:36 Sen. Smith
 01:00:43 Sen. Cohenour
 01:01:23 Chair Fielder
 01:02:15 Sen. Phillips
 01:03:14 Chair Fielder
 01:03:44 Sen. Welborn

 01:04:03 Sen. Facey entered the meeting.

 01:04:48 Sen. Cohenour
 01:05:26 Sen. Vincent

 01:06:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 225

01:08:27 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 225 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:08:34 Sen. Cohenour
 01:09:02 Sen. Vincent
 01:10:13 Sen. Hinebauch
 01:11:06 Sen. Phillips
 01:11:30 Sen. Hinkle
 01:11:47 Sen. Vincent
 01:12:11 Sen. Hinkle

 01:13:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Hinkle, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voting aye.

 01:13:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 225 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173

01:14:05 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 DO PASS.**

 01:15:09 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

01:16:41 Sen Cohenour
 01:17:07 Dave Loewen, Law Enforcement chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

01:17:24 Sen. Cohenour
 01:17:29 Mr. Loewen, FWP
 01:17:31 Sen. Cohenour
 01:18:18 Sen. Hinkle
 01:19:12 Sen. Cohenour
 01:20:41 Sen. Hinkle
 01:20:56 Sen. Vincent
 01:21:55 Chair Fielder
 01:22:25 Sen. Hinebauch
 01:22:53 Sen. Howard
 01:23:43 Sen. Cohenour
 01:24:04 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:24:10 Sen. Cohenour
 01:24:50 Chair Fielder

01:25:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Howard voting no.

01:25:34 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:25:48 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle made a Substitute Motion that **SB 173 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Hinkle, Sen. Howard and Sen. Vincent voting aye.

01:26:50 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:27:14 Sen Cohenour
 01:27:42 Sen. Hinkle
 01:27:55 Sen. Cohenour
 01:28:07 Sen. Smith

01:28:19 Without objection, Sen. Cohenour withdrew the DO PASS AS AMENDED motion.

Discussion:

01:28:22 Chair Fielder
 01:28:35 Sen. Cohenour
 01:28:41 Chair Fielder
 01:28:54 Sen. Phillips
 01:29:08 Mr. Kolman, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:39 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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